

611th Air Operations Squadron History

Organization: Lt Col Douglas H. Alston assumed command of the 611th Air Operations Squadron (611 AOS) on 31 October 2001, upon its activation as a squadron. Prior to this activation, the 611 AOS was a flight. Chapter One of this history provides additional information on the activation of the 611 AOS. The mission of the 611 ACS read:

Provides mission ready personnel to operate and maintain the Alaskan North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) Region Air Operations Center (RAOC). Integrates fixed and airborne radar into the NORAD Global Command and Control System (NGCCS). Conducts 24-hour Alaskan NORAD Region and Eleventh Air Force air sovereignty and theater air control operations.

Reorganization of the 611 AOG: The 3rd Wing Manpower Office submitted the revised Organizational Change Request (OCR) for the 611th Air Operations Group to Headquarters, PACAF on 9 February 2001.

As covered in the 2000 Eleventh Air Force History, Col. Thomas B. Wright, Commander, 611 AOG at the time had requested the organizational change to streamline reporting and consolidate the ANR functions. When the group had been organized in 1995, it consisted of two squadrons: 611th Air Control Squadron and 3rd Air Support Operations Squadron; and five flights, 611th Air Communications Flight, 611th Air Intelligence Flight, 611th Combat Operations Flight, 611th Combat Plans Flight and 611th Operations Support Flight. The group gained the 11th Operational Weather Squadron upon its activation in 1999, and the 611th Air Intelligence Squadron when it was upgraded from a flight in 2000.

The OCR submitted on 9 February called for the 611th Combat Operations Flight and the 611th Operations Support Flight to be consolidated as the 611th Air Operations Squadron; and the 611th Combat Plans Flight re-designated the 611th Alaskan NORAD Region Support Flight. The resulting proposed organizational structure consisted of the 3rd Air Support Operations Squadron, 11th Operational Weather Squadron, 611th Air

Control Squadron, 611th Air Intelligence Squadron, 611th Air Operations Squadron, 611th Air Communications Flight, and 611th Alaskan NORAD Region Flight.

Headquarters, PACAF, after reviewing the OCR, forwarded it to the Air Staff for review and approval on 7 March 2001. The Directorate of Manpower and Organization, HQ USAF sent its response to the OCR to HQ PACAF on 10 September 2001. It approved the re-designation of the 611th Combat Operations Flight as the 611th Air Operations Squadron, the re-designation of the 611th Combat Plans Flight as the 611th Alaskan NORAD Flight and the inactivation of the 611th Operations Support Flight.

Headquarters PACAF Special Order GS-005 implemented the change effective 31 October 2001. With the implementation, the 611th Air Operations Group consisted of five squadrons: 3rd Air Support Operations Squadron, 11th Operational Weather Squadron, 611th Air Control Squadron, 611th Air Intelligence Squadron, and 611th Air Operations Squadron; and two flights: 611th Air Communications Flight and 611th Alaskan NORAD Region Flight. The organizational change was affected using existing manpower authorizations.